

Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Environment Sub-Committee,  
of Bingham Town Council, held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House,  
Church Street, Bingham on Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: R Bird, T Wallace, J Stockwood, A Shelton, M Stockwood, and F Purdue-Horan.

Members of the Public: 1

Officer/s: J Riddle (Town Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors J Lewis and J Best. Councillors T Wallace and J Stockwood were noted as substitutes.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14 September 2021, Folio 9814 to 9817 were taken as read, approved and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**4. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING DECISION AND FURTHER ACTIONS**

- Both Civic events had now taken place and positive comments had been received in feedback from the attendees
- A meeting regarding Parsons Hill with Barratt David Wilson was due to take place at the end of the month
- Food store had received deliveries, but an opening date was yet to be confirmed
- A meeting with the WI regarding to Happy To Chat bench was outstanding and was on hold whilst levels were continuing to rise

**5. 2021 CHRISTMAS FAIR UPDATE AND AGREE FURTHER ACTIONS**

The Clerk updated the committee of the arrangements in place and increased costs for the stage. The committee noted that this would increase expenditure beyond the budget. Standing orders were suspended at 7.07pm to allow a representative of Bingham Community Events to update the committee.

It was confirmed that the representative had approached alternative stage companies to compare prices, but they exceeded the costs of the current stage. The information regarding security and staffing was agreed to move to a confidential discussion.

**RECOMMEND:** that the overspend is noted by Policy, Resources and Major Projects Committee.

## **6. WELCOME BACK FUNDING SCHEME**

The committee noted the outstanding quotes for low level planting and lamppost painting. The quote for marketing and branding was considered and the additional information had been useful. As the marketing plan went beyond the 31 March, further work to ascertain the viability would be required before a decision was reached. The quote would be progressed via the previous decision for the Clerk to allocate funding to projects in consultation with the committee. The lighting scheme for Eaton Place was considered and confirmation that the property agents would cover the installation fees was confirmed. It was

**RESOLVED:** that the quote for the Eaton Place lighting scheme for £2465.00 be accepted and a claim be made for the costs from the Welcome Back Funding.

## **7. FINDING FITNESS SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS PROPOSAL**

**RECOMMEND:** that the Clerk work with Finding Fitness to progress an application to bid for funds.

## **8. TOWN GUIDE**

The committee noted the Town Guide schedule provided and the map progress was noted.

## **9. NEW ART PROJECT UNDER TITHBY ROAD BRIDGE**

The committee had been approached by positive futures to recreate a new art project under the Tithby Road bridge. The committee were in support of the project and asked that a Grant Aid form be completed for the costs of the community project.

**RECOMMEND:** that a new art project be progressed under the Tithby Road bridge.

## **10. Q2 BUDGET TO ACTUALS**

The committee noted the Q2 budget to actual figures and no queries were raised.

## **11. BUDGET REQUIREMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023**

The draft budget figures were considered and no alterations to the draft amounts were noted. The committee were updated that decisions relating to event budgets could not be confirmed as a meeting with Bingham Community Events was required.

## **12. COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME**

As most of the Council owned land consisted of sports pitches and open spaces there was no spaces considered suitable for additional tree planting. At the meeting with Barratt David Wilson consideration could be given to donating the trees to that area. It was also noted that an area of

land near Nene Way could be considered by the Borough Council. It was agreed to work with partners to progress a potential site for trees.

### **13. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AS REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

- (a) Growth Board Minutes – the minutes were noted by the committee
- (b) Rural Market Towns Group – the report was noted by the committee
- (c) Police Priority Setting Group – Cllr Bird gave an update from the meeting held on 21 October 2021. The areas identified were noted as vehicles including speeding, theft and rural crime. The next meeting was to be held at Radcliffe on Trent on 20 January 2022

### **14. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Pigeons in Eaton Place – the Committee requested that the Town Clerk work with the landowners to encourage signage to be installed to discourage feeding the pigeons.
- b) Shelford Drive Benches – Correspondence from Via East Midlands had been received in relation to the benches off Shelford Drive and their condition. The Council were asked to consider taking responsibility for the benches in their poor state if they were required as ownership had not been confirmed. It was agreed to consult with the local residents so the results of the consultation could be considered.
- c) 20mph speed limit – the Council had received correspondence from residents regarding the scheme and County Councillor F Purdue-Horan updated the committee on site meetings. Bingham Town Council had yet to be consulted on the proposal.

#### **Recommendations:**

- The overspend on the Christmas Fair is noted by Policy, Resources and Major Projects Committee
- The Clerk work with Finding Fitness to progress an application to bid for funds.
- That a new art project be progressed under the Tithby Road bridge

#### **Resolutions:**

- The quote for the Eaton Place lighting scheme for £2465.00 be accepted and a claim be made for the costs from the Welcome Back Funding.

Public Meeting Closed at: 8.46pm. Confidential meeting closed at 9.02pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date: .....